

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

NORTH DAKOTA

BENEFITS THE SOIL

Prevention of Prairie Fires Con-serves the Moisture and Pro-motes Farm Work.

Good Results Shown in Stutsman County Where Fires Have Been Kept Down.

Special to The Journal.

Jameson, N. D., April 13.—The prevention of prairie fires for several years in this county is having a noticeable effect on the lands, both in crop and in stock. The ground is moist and plows easier than when the grass has been burned over. Then the soil is hard and it is dry beneath the surface. The surface, which is covered with a thin layer of snow, is evenly distributed, but blows off into clumps, and leaves the ground bare and hard. With no fires to take the grass, all the snow and the usual heavy snowfall melts and soaks into the soil, gradually giving back moisture at the time when it is needed in the summer.

Several farmers who have sowed alfalfa and the plants stand the winter remarkably well and that the grass is already sprouted several inches at the top of the ground. There is no reason why the plant will not be a great success for hay. B. W. Fuller of Jamestown has a fine alfalfa field near the city.

The county commissioners have bought all the land in the courthouse block, and after the houses and barns are cleared away, the erection of a sheriff's residence and jail, as part of the county property, will be commenced.

City Attorney George holds that the school board holds over for another year. The city recently voted to change the system under which the schools are operating. From a special charter the general school law, and that law requires an election for new trustees on the 20th, but the opinion is that the time is too short for the election. The school board is now planning to erect a new school building, and among those who will erect new residences are J. P. Vanderluis, J. H. Bell, A. C. Carlson, Lars E. Robert, John, Lars Leinan, C. A. Nyberg, N. C. Mahon, Knute Martinson, Cyrus Beal, Matt Telsen, Julius Ryan and John Dahl. The churches have secured Rev. J. E. Koehn, a noted evangelist, to deliver a series of lectures at the Lyceum theater, beginning to-night. Mr. Koehn's general subject will be "The Reasonableness of Christianity."

Elmer A. Seaton, a cigar manufacturer of Alexandria, filed a petition in bankruptcy, placing his assets at \$368.24, of which \$90 is exempt, and his liabilities at \$1,593.88.

Dr. Bertha Frost, who has been a member of the insane hospital staff for ten years past, has resigned and will go to her home in Michigan.

At the last leasing of school land has permits in this county, the average of \$1 a quarter for a five-year lease was obtained. Some sold as high as \$8, and one tract went for \$43.

MINNESOTA

BITUMINOUS DROPS

Opening of Navigation Causes a Slump in the Price.

DULUTH, MINN.—The opening of navigation has caused a heavy decline in the price of bituminous coal at the Head of the Lakes. The reduction amounts to about \$1.50 a ton. The prices to be quoted will be \$4 a ton at Duluth, \$3.75 at Superior and \$3.50 at Sault Ste. Marie. The price of coal delivered on board of cars, and \$3.75 for the unsecured.

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BOYS' BAND OF COKATO, MINN.

L. O. Carlson-Director of Wright County's Most Popular Musical Organization.



of Carleton college is to serve as acting principal, while Professor M. L. Burton will pursue a post-graduate course at Harvard.

WAKEFIELD, MINN.—Joseph Taro, proprietor of the saloon at Pink, where the fight took place in which Giuseppe Colosio lost his life, and John Gerino were landed in jail to-day as accomplices. This makes three in custody for the crime and others are wanted.

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.—The Fergus Falls wagon works, owned by the B. F. Partidge estate, were burned. The loss is about \$10,000, and the insurance about \$6,000. The body of John Koehnlein was found in the river. It is thought he committed suicide.

SPRING VALLEY, MINN.—Chase's Novelty Store took fire early Sunday morning. The loss to the building and goods is \$2,000; insurance \$1,700. The remains of a man were found in the store, and he was buried Saturday night from Dakota.

CANTON, MINN.—The Fillmore County Bokekeepers' association will hold its spring meeting in the courthouse in Preston on April 29 and 30. A feature will be a lecture on "The Busy Bee," by N. E. France, Plattville, Wis.

MONTEVIDEO, MINN.—Ogden D. Barto, one of the prominent farmers of Havelock township, died after a lingering illness. His wife survives him. The funeral was held to-day from the Congregational church.

MADISON, MINN.—Hotel Lac qui Parle will be formally opened on Wednesday evening by a grand banquet and ball. A reception will be held at the hotel from 8:30 to 9:30 p. m.

CROOKSTON, MINN.—Edward Lancot, a Frenchman, has been married fifty-one years, and is the father or grandfather of sixty descendants, living and dead. He has twelve children, ten of whom are living.

SLEEPY EYE, MINN.—John Kolbe, an old soldier and an early Brown county settler, died Saturday, aged 62 years.

WISCONSIN

BELMORE BAY SECTION

Great Activity Forecasted in the Sturgeon Lake Gold Fields.

WEST SUPERIOR, WIS.—The Belmore Bay section of the Sturgeon lake gold fields, north of the Canadian Pacific railway, promises to be the scene of great activity before the summer is over. The Belmore Bay Mining company has acquired over 500 acres of mining claims there, and is prosecuting development work on a vein which would seem to be one of the richest in the country. Numerous assays across the vein from the surface to the bottom of the shaft, a depth of forty-six feet, show values running from \$104 to \$860 a ton in gold. According to the company, the vein is a mere stringer a few inches in width, but has gradually widened out until it is 3½ feet wide at the bottom of the shaft. The company has purchased hoisting and pumping machinery and it is being put in place at the mine.

Negotiations are pending for the development of the celebrated Frank King property near Belmore Bay, and if the deal is closed, Chicago capitalists will become the owners. This property, containing 151 acres, is owned in Saginaw and Duluth, and is widely known. One has been taken from it running as high as \$24,000 a ton in gold.

It is reported that Milwaukee men are seeking to purchase the Rousehouk & Day property, consisting of seventy acres, situated at the Belmore Bay section. The largest vein on this property is over seventy feet in width, with a rich pay streak of little less than a foot wall, from which picked samples have been taken that would run as high as \$20,000 a ton.

A Pittsburgh syndicate, it is stated, is going to investigate the merits of a large body of ore material in the vicinity known as the Belmore reef.

It is said that several million tons of ore are in sight on the surface, but no efforts have been made so far to determine its general average value. The surface indications of substantial value, however, are said to be very encouraging.

PLAYING ON THE TRACK

Fast Running Passenger Train Stopped in Time to Save a Life.

LA CROSSE, WIS.—The engine-men on the regular passenger train on the Southern Minnesota division of the Milwaukee road relate a startling experience. While the train was running at a high rate of speed between Whalen and Preston, the engineer saw a little child playing the track about 100 feet ahead. The brakes were instantly applied and when the engine came to a stop it was but a few feet from the child, which had not heard the whistles warning.

Thru the efforts of the Stone Masons' union, a new wage scale has gone into effect. The men are given a uniform salary of 40 cents an hour and eight hours work. The helpers are paid at the rate of 25 cents an hour. Heretofore the men were working ten hours a day, receiving from \$2 to \$3.

At a meeting of the common council preliminary steps were taken for a large amount of street improvements, including brick and macadam.

Congressman John V. Esch is quarantined owing to a case of scarlet fever in his family.

MALIGNANT DIPHTHERIA

Professor Larkin of Appleton Buried at River Falls.

RIVER FALLS, WIS.—Professor A. L. Larkin, principal of the Appleton schools, died at the home of his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson, in this city Saturday night, of malignant diphtheria, and was buried the same night. He came here from Minneapolis Tuesday, suffering with a sore throat. He consulted a physician before his arrival, and was assured that the trouble was a severe attack of tonsillitis. The family is quarantined.

HASTINGS, MINN.—Mrs. Lizzie R. Matteson gave a reception to ladies of the Baptist church in honor of Mrs. E. F. Wells, who leaves shortly for Tully, N. Y.

Patrick Snee of Denmark had two horses killed by lightning. Mrs. John Chrysal of Vermillion died from a gripple at the advanced age of 83 years.

HANSKA, MINN.—Two men supposed to be Harry Satterlee and Ed McClure were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in cracking the safe of the Nicolet bank.

MONTEVIDEO, MINN.—At a special meeting of the trustees of Windom Institute, Dr. Alex McGregor of St. Paul was elected a member of the board in place of Rev. P. W. Yarrow, resigned. Mr. Martin

IOWA

PLATFORM IS READY

It Will Stand for Revision and Reciprocity Without Rubbing It In Too Hard.

True Between Blythe and Cummins Not Effective as to the Alliance Succession.

Special to The Journal.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 13.—The fact that Governor Cummins, Senator Allison, J. W. Blythe and some of the other leaders of the republican party have come to an understanding over the platform to be adopted at the state convention, is not to be taken as any indication of a cessation of the conflict between the Blythe and Cummins forces.

In many quarters this does not appear to be fully understood. While it looks as if there would be complete harmony at the state convention in so far as the platform and the choice of candidates is concerned, there will unquestionably be the same struggle that has all along been looked for over the control of the state central committee. Both the Cummins and the Blythe elements will seek to get away from this and elect a chairman.

The Cummins men will not relinquish any effort to control the legislature and on the other hand it is believed the Blythe forces will make a more determined effort than ever to get a majority of this body. One theory advanced as to the reason why Mr. Blythe made concessions on the platform is that he believed the Cummins and anti-Cummins lines would be less likely to be drawn strictly in many districts if the bickering and discussion over tariff revision and the Iowa idea were dropped. Such a state of things would make it possible for him to get men satisfactory to himself into the general assembly much more easily than if there was a continual contest and bitter feeling over the platform question and the Cummins and anti-Cummins men thrusting the state were arrayed solidly against each other.

All reports from the reservation make assurance doubly sure that Blythe is laying his lines for the senate. Both he and Cummins are ambitious to succeed Allison.

It is understood here that the republican state platform is already written and that the talk that Allison will be called on to write it is merely thrown out for effect. The platform is undoubtedly already prepared and it was considered and finally touched up at the conference of Cummins, Allison and Blythe in Chicago a week ago yesterday. It is broad and progressive and is so worded as to stand for tariff revision and reciprocity without offending the "stand-pat" element so seriously as the "shelter to monopoly" plank of the Cedar Rapids platform did.

Pike Gets His Bride.

F. Wallace Pike, a prominent baritone singer, and Miss Minnie Seigel, an assistant in his studio and the daughter of B. Seigel, a wealthy hardware dealer, have been married.

Pike has been engaged to Miss Seigel for some time, but the match was vigorously opposed by the girl's parents on the ground that they knew nothing of Pike's antecedents and that he was a gentle, while they are orthodox Hebrews.

A few days ago the girl's father had a warrant sworn out for Pike's arrest on the charge of extortion. He alleged that Pike called at his office and declared that unless Seigel gave him \$500 he would marry his daughter despite his wishes.

The case was settled out of court and Seigel consented to the wedding.

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A. R. Crook of Northwestern University, and Bishop Garrison of Sioux City.

The Iowa State Medical society will convene Wednesday for a three-day session and 300 delegates are expected. The Iowa Medical Women's society, an auxiliary of the Iowa State Medical society, will convene one day earlier, adjoining Wednesday evening.

AURELIA, IOWA—Orin Bowers shot an eagle weighing twelve pounds, and measuring seven feet from tip to tip of wings.

ONAWA, IOWA—Miss Jessie Perry has sued for \$5,000 damages from Ed McClain and wife. She says they maltreated her character and that Mrs. McClain declared she had eloped with her husband.

FORT DODGE, IOWA—A tornado swept over the country west of Fort Dodge. At Twin Lake, the houses of P. D. Armour and one other were wrecked. At Jolly several casualties were reported.

DYSTAR, IOWA—The Fair store, owned by J. A. Dayton, Mayer & Lumsden's drug store, Wiese & Schroeder's market and the postoffice were burned.

DUBUQUE, IOWA—The naval recruiting station enlisted twenty-five recruits, mostly farmer boys.

MICHIGAN

ALMOST DROWNED.

Miss Dahl About to Be Swept Over the Falls When Rescued.

HOUGHTON, MICH.—Miss Redna Dahl, 18 years old, daughter of Jacob Dahl of Laurium, narrowly escaped death by drowning in a deep pool while sight-seeing about Douglas falls, near Lake Linden. She was standing on a high bank overlooking the pool, when a youngster in trying to pass her gave her a slight shove, sufficient to cause her to lose her balance and to plunge headlong into the water.

Friends stood speechless and helpless to see the rescue, as the girl was being carried by the swift current to the brink of the falls, which are forty feet high.

Henry Pascoe of Laurium, who happened to be near by, hastened down the embankment and caught the girl by the hand just as she was sinking for the third time. With the assistance of others who came to the rescue, Pascoe carried Miss Dahl to a place of safety, where she was resuscitated and taken home.

MANISTIQUE, MICH.—John Gonyea, aged 65, is in jail pending an investigation of the death of Elmer Lundvall, 7 years old. The boy's companions say they had been throwing tin cans at Gonyea's house and that as they were running away Gonyea fired at them. A bullet hit Lundvall in the temple.

MARQUETTE, MICH.—One million lake trout fry were planted in the lake in the vicinity of Marquette by Captain Johnson of the United States fish commission.

Home-seekers' Round-Trip Excursions and Colonist One-Way Excursions.

The Northern Pacific will continue to sell the round trip home-seekers' excursion tickets on the first and third Tuesdays in April, May and June at one fare plus \$2 for the round trip to all points west.

The colonist one-way excursion tickets will be on sale daily to points in Montana, Idaho, Washington, British Columbia, Oregon and California until June 15. Call on G. F. McNeill, city ticket agent, at No. 19 Nicolet house block, Minneapolis; or write to Charles S. F. G. P. and T. A., St. Paul, Minn.

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